Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report relative to narcotics traffickers; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–140).

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Messages From the President:

Messages From the House:

Statements on Introduced Bills:

Additional Cosponsors:

Amendments Submitted:

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Notice of Issuance of Final Regulations:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total-79) Pages \$3836, \$3878-79

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 24, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$4000.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, and David C. Hall, Director, Budget Division, both of the Farm Service Agency, August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Dennis L. Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative, and Regulatory Systems, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 25.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Energy Office of Energy Research, receiving testimony from Martha A. Krebs, Director of Energy Research, Department of Energy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system.

SWISS BANK/JEWISH ASSETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of assets deposited by European Jews and others into Swiss banks in the years preceding the Holocaust, after receiving testimony from Representative Gilman; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Edgar M. Bronfman, World Jewish Congress, New York, New York, on behalf of the World Jewish Restitution Organization; Hans J. Baer, Bank Julius Baer/Baer Holding Ltd., Zurich, Switzerland, on behalf of the Swiss Bankers Association; and Greta Beer, Flushing, New York.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Ann Brown, Chairman, Thomas Moore, Commissioner, Mary Sheila Gall, Commissioner, and David Schmeltzer, Director for Compliance and Administrative Litigation, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; David Miller, Toy Manufacturers Association, David Rohn, National Association of Manufacturers, Mary Ellen Fise, Consumer Federation of America, and Heather Paul, National SAFE KID'S Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robin Lanier, International Mass Retail Association, Arlington, Virginia.

AUTHORIZATION—SUPERFUND

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings on S. 1285, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 through 2000 programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Recovery, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund), receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security; Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Thomas P. Grumbly, Acting Under Secretary of Energy; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; J. Lawrence Wilson, Rohm

& Haas Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association; Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; Barbara J. Price, Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute; and John Spisak, Terranext Corporation, Lakewood, Colorado.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Prudence Bushnell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, Charles O. Cecil, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, David C. Halsted, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, Morris N. Hughes, Jr., of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to Republic of Burundi, Dane Farnsworth Smith, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, George F. Ward, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, and Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 52, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of victims of crimes, after receiving testimony from Representative Hyde; Katherine Prescott, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Greenville, North Carolina; Ralph Hubbard, Parents of Murdered Children of New York State, Inc., Brooklyn; Rita Goldsmith, Sedona, Arizona, on behalf of the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.; Steve Twist, Dial Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, and Robert E. Preston, Denver, Colorado, both on behalf of the National Victim Constitutional Amendment Network (NVCAN); Paul G. Cassell, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Jamin Raskin, American University, Washington, D.C.; John Walsh, Miami, Florida; Patricia Pollard, California; Collene Campbell, San Capistrano, California; and Bruce Fein, Great Falls, Virginia.

ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the increased need for organ and tissue donations, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Dorgan; Representative Moakley; John D. Mahoney, Deputy Administrator, and Judith Braslow, Director, Division of Transplantation, both of the Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human

Services; Ronald M. Ferguson, Ohio State University, Columbus, on behalf of Ohio Transplant Consortium and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons; Howard M. Nathan, Delaware Valley Transplant Program, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Coalition on Donation; Clive O. Callender, Howard University Hospital, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program; Bill Kemp, Sumner County, Tennessee, on behalf of the Tennessee County Clerks Organ Donor Awareness Foundation; Carl Lewis, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Wendy Marx Foundation for Organ Donor Awareness and U.S. Sports Council on Organ Donation; Rex Scott, Wingo, Kentucky, Thomas L. Meredith, Antioch, Tennessee; and Nicole Brantley, Valdosta, Georgia.

HOME-BASED BUSINESS TRENDS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine trends and issues affecting home-based business owners, focusing on the changing work environment, health insurance, and relevant tax laws, receiving testimony from Alice Bredin. WorkAnywhere, Inc., New York, New York; Priscilla Y. Huff, Little House Writing Services, Sellersville, Pennsylvania; Debbi-Jo Horton, Debbi-Jo Horton Accountant, East Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business; James M. Johnson, Jim Johnson Photography, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business, and Dianne Floyd Sutton, Sutton Enterprises, on behalf of the National Association of the Self-Employed, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee met and approved proposed estimates for Indian programs as contained in the President's budget request for fiscal year 1997, and agreed on recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget.

HEALTH CARE CHANGES AND ALZHEIMERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effects of the changing health care system on Alzheimer patients and their families, after receiving testimony from Stanley B. Jones, George Washington University/Health Insurance Reform Project, and Griff Steinke Healy, Alzheimer's Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Edith Eddleman-Robinson, Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, Los Angeles, California; Cheryl Phillips- Harris, Sutter/CHS, Sacramento, California; Deborah B. Marin, Bronx Veterans' Hospital and Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York;

Jessie E. Jacques, Alzheimer's Care Center, and Denise Reehl, both of Gardiner, Maine; Tim Ryan,

Ketchum, Idaho; and Lois Rockhold, Mobile, Alabama.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3285–3304; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 175, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2024, to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, amended (H. Rept. 104–530);

H.R. 1823, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, amended (H. Rept. 104–531);

H. Res. 409, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2715) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (H. Rept. 104–532);

H. Res. 410, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1675) to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System (H. Rept. 104–533); and

H. Res. 411, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 175) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–534).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Funderburk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H3665

Presidential Veto: It was made in order that notwithstanding the order of the House of Monday, April 15, 1966, further consideration of the veto message on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, be postponed until Tuesday, April 30, 1996.

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Corrections Calendar: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 3049, to amend section 1505 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the continuity of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development. Agreed to amend the title; and Page H3668

H.R. 3055, to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section Page H3670

Balanced Budget: Read a letter from Representative Hoyer wherein he resigns as a primary conferee on H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

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Subsequently, the Chair announced the appointment of Representative Stokes to fill the vacancy on the primary panel of conferees and reappointed Representative Stokes as a conferee for consideration of section 101(c) of the House bill and section 101(d) of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act: H.R. 2024, amended, to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries;

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Coastal Zone Management: H.R. 1965, amended, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Reauthorization Act of 1996 (Passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas, Roll No. 127);

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